**Student Government Association Minutes**

March 22, 2016

1. ROLL CALL: Patricia Aguilar and Molly Romano were absent. Morgan Suddeth, Connor Glynn, Jon Kelland, Dana Kilby and Rhynell Christopher were excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 08, 2016: Minutes were approved.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Evelyn Dina*
2. Hi I would like to welcome you all back! I hope you all had a great spring break. I would like to start with a moment of silence for Belgium.
3. Here tonight to speak is Representative John Velis who represents the fourth Hampden District, which includes Westfield, please welcome Mr. John Velis.
4. **Representative John Velis**: Good evening everybody. I’m John Velis, your State Representative; I’m the state representative for the 4th Hampden District comprised entirely of the City of Westfield. Every state representative has around 40,000 constituents. Because that is essentially the population of Westfield, I have the City of Westfield which of course has its pros and cons, there’s only seven of us, one of which being Aaron Vega in the bordering City of Holyoke, MA. I just want to be very brief, tell you a little bit about myself, what got me into politics, and then open it up to questions.
5. Starting with my background and who I am, I’m an attorney. I practiced law for about two years before I decided to run for this seat, and this seat opened up because Mike Knapik decided to take a job here, thank you very much for that. Senator Humason was the State Representative who held this seat, I ran for it in a special election and I am here today, very grateful for the opportunity. I’m also a Captain in the US Army. Believe it or not, my journey here began in a city in Afghanistan. If you’ve been to one of my political speeches where I’ve talked about why I got into office, you’ve heard this so I apologize. I was in charge of a law and order task force for the entire province, and we had a very vicious firefight in this district, we were coming in to clean up after the mess. We rolled in in our MRAPS and pulled aside this group of people. We conducted what’s called a shura, a meeting of village elders who set the agenda for certain parts of Afghanistan and lots of parts of the Islamic world. I was up there running it, and I was talking to them about the benefits of building consensus, compromising, putting weapons down for the good of Afghanistan, not for America. I got about 15 minutes into that, I thought it was going well, but then a village elder raised his hand, spoke a bit of broken English and said all the compromise and consensus that I talked about, how is it working out in America? He was clearly being sarcastic, and that dawned on me and resonated: how can somebody in the most remote part of the world be tracking and following how dysfunctional our government is right now, where we have two political parties, Republicans and Democrats, who refuse on principle to do anything because of the fact that one is Republican, one is Democrat. I’ll fast forward to yesterday, nothing changed. I was reading an article on Politics, and the article was about a very powerful chairman of a congressional committee, and it was talking about how dysfunctional things are, he filed a bill to recognize the significance of magic in the United States. I looked at that, and I thought I had been intoxicated or something. That is the state of things that we’re dealing with right now, and I firmly believe that if you take anything from what I’m saying here tonight, be objective. If you ever get into politics, when an idea comes up, don’t be one of those people where the first thing they ask is whether a Democrat or Republican came up with the idea, be the type of person that asks is this a good idea, can we solve this problem. My last swipe against politicians, which is odd because it is my profession, is we need to move forward. That’s why it’s so important that you guys are here tonight, because I firmly believe that the key to solving this impasse is with you guys, the millennials, the next generation, generation X, because you’re not tainted by the process. One of the best lines I had when I ran and knocked on peoples doors, they would look at me and say “wow, you’re younger than you look in the newspaper” and I would respond asking about how the older guys and girls are doing in office at the moment. They would all laugh and say “good point, you got my vote”. With that being said, that’s kind of the moral of my story. Be objective, look at the issues. I am a registered Democrat, but I am going to speak truth to power. One of the things I find so appealing about this current governor is that he’s about solving problems. I can’t tell you how many times as a Western Massachusetts delegation we have met with him and we’ll make a point expecting a long rejoinder where he tells us we’re wrong and not going to do it, I can’t tell you how many times I’ve been surprised where he’ll just sit there and say that it’s actually a fair point. I am absolutely convinced that’s why he is the most popular Governor in America right now, because he is concerned with solving problems, not with the gang labels of Democrat and Republicans. I got more accomplished with Afghan warlords, convincing them to compromise, than I feel you see in Washington D.C. right now, that’s a sorry state of affairs. Be that change, please. We need it.
6. The budget, the Governor has proposed his budget, he did that about two months ago, and this is the most critical time of the year. On April 25th, we will take a look at that, in large part ignore it, and do our budget. Following that, the senate will do their budget, and they’ll do the same thing. At some point in time, we’ll all have the budget for the great state of Massachusetts. I have to be honest with you, that Massachusetts, of the 50 states, spending on Higher Education is right near the bottom, we’re in the worst three. Think about that, when people think about Massachusetts, one of the first things that comes to mind is education. I didn’t believe it at first until I went home and had my Legislative Aide research that. One of the reasons, as the gentleman correctly pointed out, is that we have all these schools, Harvard, Bston College, Boston University, then the Westfield States, Framingham States, Salem States get left by the wayside. Everybody thinks because we have Harvard, BC, BU, we’re square and away, we don’t need to help anybody else. Then guess who gets hurt because of that? Everybody in this room. If there was ever a time to be involved or motivated, now is the time. I’m imploring you, get involved, listen to what’s going on, watch a debate, and if you can keep a straight face, call me up and I will buy you lunch the next day. Your nation is crying out to you, get involved in public service.
7. One of the other main reasons I got involved is because I believe that public service can still be a good thing. You can still make a good difference, and don’t let anybody tell you otherwise. The people who tell you otherwise don’t want you to get involved because they want the status quo to stay where it is. That being said, any questions?
8. **Brennan Kauffman**: Just a comment, I don’t get why you have to register as a Democrat or Republican, because then you’re forced to vote for one party or the other. I still don’t see a point to that and I don’t think it helps.
9. **Representative Velis**: I see where you’re coming from, I guess the response to that is that in a general election, and you can vote how you want. If you’re not enrolled, you can vote in either party. It’s getting bad, it’s awful. Fortunately, we don’t have as big of a problem in Massachusetts. As I’m sure Mike Knapik would correctly point out, the main reason is because the overwhelming majority that the Democrats have. I agree with you, it’s frustrating.
10. **Cam Swan**: If these political parties are leading to dysfunction in our government, what made you run as a Democrat rather than an Independent?
11. **Representative Velis**: That’s a good question. The timing was such. Going back to why I ran; there are a couple reasons. One, because I ignore political parties; I could just as easily be a Democrat, Republican or not enrolled. I was a Democrat when I got back, and I literally got home from Afghanistan, was on the beach in Cape Cod hanging out with a bunch of buddies, when Mike decided to take the job here. It was all a timing thing.
12. **Sean Bacon**: What’s your opinion on the new bill passed by Governor Baker regarding the distribution of pharmaceuticals?
13. **Representative Velis**: My opinion is well known. It’s a step in the right direction. I think that doctors have without a doubt taken to too casually prescribing opiates. Limiting it to seven days is a good thing. I’m sympathetic to the viewpoint that who are we as elected officials in D.C. or Boston to have a say in this matter where the majority of us have no medical background. I’m not learned in prescribing practices of opiates or any medications for that matter, so I’m sympathetic to the viewpoint that we need to be cautious about telling the medical profession what they can and can’t do. I think the evidence is overwhelming that we’re suffering from a public health epidemic. People are dying, four people a day in the commonwealth. We needed to do something. That was a good provision of it. Much of this bill focuses on education and prevention, undoubtedly key components to getting out of this thing. For the drafters of this legislation, we have an epidemic right now. We have thousands upon thousands of people who are suffering. Since I’ve been State Representative, there has been no harder meeting than when one of these victim’s family members comes in and pulls out their cell phone and breaks down crying showing me pictures of their daughter or son saying “does this look like a junkie to you?” We had to do something, but there are not enough beds in Western Massachusetts. We have, for all intents and purposes, zero beds. If you’re going to ask my critiques of this bill, the lack of funding for treatment beds particularly in the western part of the state. To digress for a second, I was on a show about a month ago talking about the lack of treatment beds before we signed this and voted on the conference report. By the time I got out of the studio and walked to my car, I had two phone calls from various probation officers in Hampden County agreeing with what I had said. When I pick up the phone, and I’m trying to find somebody a treatment bed for some type of heroin or opiate addiction, I don’t even bother with Western Massachusetts anymore. I’m going straight to Worcester, and if it’s a serious inpatient issue, I’m going to Boston. It’s a step in the right direction, but in and of it, this legislation is not going to solve the problem.
14. **Ryan Losco**: I had a question about a piece of legislation regarding Uber that recently passed through, I wanted to get your thoughts on it and how it was talked about on the floor.
15. **Representative Velis**: I’m going to break it down, so there are a couple of cab companies in Boston that had a monopoly on that business. This company, Uber, along with Lyft come around and upset them. They’re being undermined, it’s almost like the Planet Fitness of gyms, they piss off every other gym because they’re willing to give you a gym for $10 a month. People were upset, so we attempted to regulate them a bit. I for one love Uber, you can be at a place watching a game and don’t have to go outside and freeze, call Uber and they’ll be right there, I can just do it on my phone. The bill came out of financial services as an attempt to push back against the cab companies that have the monopoly, but not go too far. I like the bill, the senate is going to do something vastly different. It’s going to go to conference committee and it’s going to be there for a while. This is almost a conversation to have six months from now. I like the bill, I voted for it. It’s about finding that compromise and adapting to technology. At some point in time in any industry, you’re going to have a model and some genius is going to come along and create something that antiquates the original product. Invariably, there’s going to be pushback from the original person. It’s kind of regulating them. One of the main contentious points was actually interesting because an amendment was filed by one of the big movers in Boston to have fingerprints. One of the things we’ve heard a lot about is how Uber drivers have been charged with different kinds of assault and battery and there’s no kind of fingerprinting involved, but there is a very thorough background check conducted by the state as well as the company. That was a big part of the debate.
16. **Haley Batchelder**: As a student, I’m very aware and nervous about loans and the lack of attention towards higher education. Is there any talk or movement towards making it a little more affordable for us?
17. **Representative Velis**: That’s a great question. I don’t know, but I’d be willing to bet that if I made every single person raise their hand in this room answer to how much money they anticipate owing in student loans, it’s not going to be as much as me. I have loans from undergraduate as well as Suffolk Law School in Boston. It has gotten to the point where you really have to wonder if there’s a benefit of going to college anymore. In the greatest country on earth, we shouldn’t have to ask that question. That’s why I commend your new president; he’s doing a great job. I was here yesterday, and one of the things he talked about was how he’s going to do everything in his power not to raise your tuition. That’s huge because that’s the top. Everything falls from the top, he’s saying he’s not going to raise your tuition, and if you have to, it’s going to be minimal. The difficult answer is that so much of that stuff is tough, as we’re limited on the state level and it’s more on the national level. It affects everybody, but it’s typically left to the realm of the Federal Government. Unfortunately, what we could do, we’re already doing. The answer really is lobbying your congressmen. You had the foremost advocate in the world, Elizabeth Warren, two months ago. I sat right here in the front row and listened to her. You just have to keep pounding the pavement, lobbying to your Federal Legislatures. To conclude where I began, we shouldn’t have to deal with this in America, it’s what causes other people in other countries to be confused with us.
18. **Jon Cubetus**: I was wondering what your work is like on the Joint Committee on the Judiciary.
19. **Representative Velis**: Fascinating. The judiciary committee, when I got elected, I begged the speaker of the house to let me on that committee because it is truly where the law meets politics. Of the thousands of bills that are filed each year, about three quarters go through judiciary. We’re dealing with everything from reform of the criminal justice system, mandatory minimum sentences; we’re getting ready to deal with what is going to be one of the most controversial bills in a long time in the transgender bill. It’s fascinating. Being able to sit and hear testimony from the prominent legal minds in the commonwealth and beyond, and me being on the committee, it’s surreal. Truly everything, whether it’s changing the alimony laws, buffer zones at places like planned parenthood, second amendment issues, literally almost everything passes through that committee because the law always finds a way to immerse itself. What we say about the law is that it’s a jealous mistress, and it truly is. It ingratiates itself with everything; so if you ever run for State Rep and win, get on that committee.
20. **Ryan Losco**: A few years ago, we passed the medical marijuana bill, and it’s anticipated that there’s going to be a ballot question to legalize it recreationally. I was just wondering, to get your thoughts on it, do you think the Commonwealth is ready for that even though we haven’t totally figured out the medical marijuana part?
21. **Representative Velis**: No. I firmly believe that the language of the ballot initiative is one of the main reasons that we had so many issues with dispensaries. Poorly worded. That is the main concern I have with 2016 recreational use. Without even venturing into my thoughts about whether marijuana should be legal recreationally, the problem with ballot questions is that with legislation, the devil is in the details. A lot of times, you get these special interest groups that write these ballot questions without giving it the deliberate process that we may as legislatures. I’m deeply concerned with that aspect of it, but I don’t think it’s going to go forward because based on dialogue with colleagues. One of the concerns is the edible marijuana, the candy, and brownies, whatever, how do we prevent this from getting in the mouths of kids? The devil is truly in the details; I don’t like ballot initiatives generally because of that, they’re poorly written. I just think it’s a perfect example of a ballot initiative gone wrong, and my concern is that it’s going to happen again. Recreational marijuana, I’m not a scientist. I don’t know if there are enough studies to say it’s a good idea or not because I read one time that the Federal Government has prohibited a lot of these studies. Is there a correlation between recreational marijuana use and other drug use? Better get a scientist up here to answer that question. If in fact that were the case, I’d have problems with it. We have an epidemic, and if it’s truly a gateway drug, then we shouldn’t pass it.
22. **Ashley Deleon**: You said you don’t like to associate with political parties, but how did you distance yourself from being a Democrat when you were running for a seat that was held by Republicans for 35 years?
23. **Representative Velis**: I just told them I was going to vote exactly how Mike Knapik did. That’s a great question. Westfield is a Republican city or non-enrolled city that tends to vote Republican. As a Democrat, that’s an issue on a campaign. You knock on a lot of doors, and people are saying a lot of things that are typically related with the Republican Party. Thankfully, a lot of what they were saying are things I tend to agree with as well because again, it was not a through and through liberal, but a typical liberal Democrat, say Joe Kennedy. Him running for State Rep, take away the Kennedy name, might have a problem in a place like Westfield. In Westfield, second amendments and taxes, if you were to knock on a door, in Westfield, and were to get out that you were anti-second amendment, you wanted to raise property taxes, etc., you’re going to have a very difficult time in the City of Westfield. What I have also found is that people of Westfield are very reasonable, they agree to disagree, but they know that I’ve clearly thought about it. It’s not as difficult as you think because again, my philosophies about politics were formalized in Afghanistan, so I can knock on a door and begin right away by saying I don’t care about party politics, and if I were to ask you if you feel like D.C. and political parties are working together, if one person raises their hand, I’d say you’re not watching the news, and that resonates with everyone. I think that’s a real reason why someone like Donald Trump is gaining popularity, people are so upset at nothing getting done, and here’s this guy all about getting things done. It wasn’t that big of an issue for me because it’s not that difficult to pigeonhole me and say he’s not a Democrat or Republican.
24. **President Ramon Torrecilha**: I wanted to thank you for being here and for all you do for both Westfield and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. What Representative Velis did not tell you is whether it’s in this room or in Boston, he’s working on behalf of higher education, especially for Westfield State. Thank you very much.
25. **Evelyn Dina**: Thank you, Representative Velis! Real quick, we do have Sue LaMontagne here tonight to speak, but I know the Veteran’s Association is supposed to be meeting and they would like to see Anthony appointed tonight, so we’re going to do that. I’m extremely happy that we will finally be filling our Veteran’s Representative position. It’s been a privilege to work closely with the Veteran’s Association and Veteran’s Affairs for this past year to listen to them and hear what would improve their involvement with the campus community. Though all enrolled veterans are the same, they certainly can all benefit from having a voice on SGA. Thank you to everyone who supported this position being added to the constitution, and with that,
26. I move to appoint Anthony Dieni as Veteran’s Representative to SGA for the remainder of the 2015-2016 academic year. Motion Carries.
27. Please Welcome Dean of Students, Sue LaMontagne. She’s here to speak on behalf of judicial changes in Student Affairs with a little help from Drew. Welcome, Sue!
28. **Sue LaMontagne:** Gave SGA a presentation highlighting specific changes in both the student conduct regulations and the student privacy and policy regulations.
29. **Evelyn Dina**: What kind of disclosure would be provided in sexual assault cases?
30. **Sue LaMontagne**: Only the name of the perpetrator if they are found guilty. No other names. It would allow the University, if it so chose, if it’s a violent offense of our code that’s also a violent crime pending and the student was found responsible, it would allow us to state that the student was expelled from the university after being responsible for whatever they had done.
31. **Ryan Losco**: Prior to this, if we had a situation of violence, were we allowed to make any sort of statement?
32. **Sue LaMontagne**: If it was a sexual assault, it was covered back in 1994 with rights to the victim. We have not made statements on violent crimes other than sexual assault, and we have fallen back on the fact that we have not adopted into the code. Even though the federal government says it’s okay to do it, we have not adopted it into our code. We have come across some situations in recent years where we did sit in rooms at times and think about it because it might’ve helped, so I’m adopting it for those rare occasions that we would want to use it.
33. **Ryan Losco**: Who makes the decision to release the statement regarding the violent act?
34. **Sue LaMontagne**: Ultimately, it would come to the President’s office and the Communications Director.
35. **Drew Dalesandro**: In the past, if there was a violent crime on campus, and local or state police got involved, wouldn’t they be able to make a statement? What made you want to have it so that we can make a statement instead of just having the police do it?
36. **Sue LaMontagne**: As you can imagine, the media would always like a statement from the University, and I think in those cases it may make some sense that the University makes a statement, particularly showing the support of not condoning violent acts.
37. **President Torrecilha**: I also think that it’s important for the University to make statements because it shows that the University has taken whatever incident seriously and that the students’ safety comes first
38. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s “Out of The Darkness Walk” will be taking place on Wednesday, April 13. It is hosted by the Active Minds club, this 5K walk will be fundraising to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide. Registration will be in front of University Hall at 1:30pm and the walk’s introduction will begin at 2:00pm. If you would like more information on starting a team, donating, or how to fundraise, please see me after the meeting.
39. Just a quick reminder for Fresh Check Day; the event will be taking place this Thursday from 11:00am to 3:00pm in Ely. For those who have volunteered for SGA to help with the registration table, Julia Nedry will be here in the back of the room to quickly brief you one last time before the event. So, please if you registered to volunteer stay after for a quick meeting with Julia. If you are volunteering or not, please make the effort to stop by the event on Thursday. This is a very large scale event that so many departments and clubs have been working to perfect, so if you have the opportunity to go please do.
40. Just a reminder that next week is our Bring a Friend to SGA Day and SGA bonding event with movie trivia. Please consider bringing a friend; this can be a roommate, classmate, a stranger, etc. You will get a unit if you bring a friend. There will be no speaker that meeting, and following we will have movie trivia. The bonding event is open to friends too. We will divide into teams of five and the winning team will be awarded 10 owl bucks per person.
41. Items not listed on the agenda.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Justin Connolly*
2. We will be taking a van to the State University Advocacy Day it will be at the Massachusetts State House day which will be on Wednesday, April 6. We will be leaving at 10:00am and will be back on campus around 3:30pm.
3. Can I do a quick straw poll, who would be interested in attending?
4. Those who are interested, please see me after the meeting.
5. The Board of Trustees subcommittee meetings will continue on April 8.
6. All University Committee**: No Report**
7. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Matthew Carlin*
2. Student Affairs Committee**: No Report**
3. Multicultural Committee**: No Report**
4. Food Services Committee**: Andrew Manchino**
5. After today’s Food Committee meeting I felt that it was pertinent that I talk today briefly of to all of you, especially after my report last meeting.
6. The DC is going to be holding an amnesty day at the end of the semester, where anyone who has stolen property for the DC can return it into a box in their Residence Hall, no questions asked.
7. The DC is going to have some changes in the coming few semesters regarding to go cups. At this time they are only in the preliminary stages of planning anything. Nothing is set in stone. I spoke last week on the premise of getting your feedback to bring to Sodexo. They want discussion of our opinions since this will affect all of us. Like I said before Westfield State and the Westfield community are in a huge Go Green kick and so is Sodexo as a corporation. Our DC and the Sodexo staff that run it have a minimal say in anything that is going to happen with this, if any at all. I only say this so everyone has the knowledge on who actually is making the changes. I only say this so everyone has the knowledge on who actually is making the changes.
8. This is currently projected to be far more cost effective overall, so that means more money for us in terms of new foods. Since this is preliminary stuff it may end up Sodexo might be paying for these cups themselves, and there may even be a size scale for them too.
9. I also want to point out that we have one of the more affordable and practical food programs in the state. We pay about $1850 per semester, which with 15 weeks and 19 meals equates to about $6.50. A portion of this goes to the University and not Sodexo so the DC does not receive all of our meal plan money. To compare to other schools, Framingham State in particular, we have one of the best plans. Framingham State pays $1875.00 per semester for 75 swipes a semester, $500.00 dinning dollars and no guest swipes for the Platinum plan. Their Silver plan is $1780.00 and they receive 14 swipes a week and $150.00 dinning dollars and five guest swipes. Keep in mind they may have a different Sodexo plan than us and are a smaller school also.
10. I wanted to bring this to you because you must be educated on this. It is vital for all of you guys to understand what your meal plan is like and what Sodexo is doing.
11. **Evelyn Dina**: I wanted to commend you for this, this is really what Student Government is all about; listening to your constituents, relaying information, talking to committee and bringing it back to SGA so we can share that with our constituents. Thank you for that, you’ve done an excellent job with your research and comparing us to other schools, and what Sodexo offers here. I think that Sodexo respects us a lot and I think they deserve mutual respect back. Additionally, I have emailed Maria Lees to come speak on behalf of Sodexo.
12. **Shannon Cullinane**: At our last meeting, I mentioned how it’s not okay for us to fill our water bottles because of passing bacteria, was that discussed during your meetings?
13. **Allison Bancroft**: There was talk, like you said it’s very preliminary. UCLA has this program where they have used to-go cups, but take them in wash them, so one thought is you take a cup, use it, and bring that cup back to put on a conveyor belt to take a new cup. They’re still trying to weigh all the options, but it was brought up.
14. **Andrew Manchino**: I think the idea with that is that when you bring it back, it’s clean and there’s no bacteria on it, so there shouldn’t be risk of cold or flu being spread on the nozzles.
15. **Sean Bacon**: Could Sodexo implement something like the water fountain system they have in the gym instead of the traditional water fountain?
16. **Andrew Manchino**: That’s a good idea that should be something you save for when Maria Lees comes. It may just be another cost, and with limited space, it may be hard.
17. **Matt Carlin**: How much money does Sodexo lose every semester, it seems like going green can’t be the only reason why they try to implement these cups.
18. **Andrew Manchino**: I don’t think it’s a loss of money, I think it’s beneficial for them where they do something more cost effective as the money they save can be appropriated towards better food or resources.
19. Our Next Scheduled meeting is March 29 at 4:00pm in the Tekoa Room.
20. Health Committee: **No Report**
21. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
22. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
23. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
24. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Jon Cubetus*
2. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
3. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
4. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
5. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
6. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
7. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
8. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Haley Batchelder*
9. Programming update**: Haley Batchelder**
10. CAB will be hosting Nickelodeon themed trivia tomorrow, March 23 at 8:00pm in the Owls Nest. We will have free pizza and be giving away $60.00 in Owl Bucks to the winning team. So brush up your knowledge of Rocket Power, Drake and Josh, Rugrats and all that. So, come ready to play.
11. Brown Bag Bingo is on Thursday, March 24 and it is going to be hosted by Mr. Westfield Contestants. Andrew Morin will talk more about it but tell everyone that Bingo is Thursday, March 24 instead of Friday, March 25 and it will be a can’t miss time.
12. You’ve all hopefully seen the Springfest advertisements across campus. The official schedule is posted on these door tags hanging around all res halls but if you didn’t get a look, the schedule looks like this: Friday, Petting Zoo, followed by a dinner chosen by CAB members with all of your DC favorites, Bingo at 10:00pm then late night pancakes at 11:30pm in the DC. Saturday we will have a party on the green from 2:00pm to 6:00pm with a 1990’s and 2000’s cover band called “Closing Time” and novelties including a zip-line, custom designed snapback hats, whoopee pies, fried dough and much more. Then a comedy night with Andrew Schulz and Matthew Broussard from MTV’s Girl and Guy Code at 8:00pm in Woodward. Sunday is the Rugged Owl at 2:00pm with registration at 1:00pm.
13. If I could see Cabbies after the meeting to hang posters you would be helping us out greatly. Senators you can also get in on the action.
14. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Brandon Trafford*
15. Finance Report: **No Report**
16. Foundation Report: **No Report**
17. SERETARY’S REPORT: Brendan McKee*/Jacob Lotter*
18. Executive Secretary Report: **Brendan McKee**
19. I have some important news for you all. Starting next Monday, election packets will be available for those of you interested in running for either an SGA executive position, class council position or a Representative at Large position. In this packet, there will be a signature sheet where you have to get 25 students signatures. If you are running for class council, these signatures will have to be of members of your graduating class. The actual election is going to be held on April 19-10, so keep that on your radar. There will be an election social again this year, and the date and time will be determined in the very near future. If you have any election based questions, feel free to come to my office hours or shoot me an email.
20. Can I see Cotillion Committee after the meeting?
21. Legislative Secretary Report: **Jacob Lotter**
22. I have two different signup sheets going around. I’m going to explain why I need each one in just a minute, but first I want to announce that the SGA Award Banquet will be taking place on Tuesday, May 3 at 5:30pm in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. So, please make a note of that now, we hope everyone will be in attendance. The dress code for the banquet is business casual.
23. The first signup sheet I handed around is food allergies, we served a meal at the banquet and we want to be sure that everyone can eat it before Brendan McKee and myself go with Barbara Hand to meet with Sodexo about food options.
24. The second signup sheet is t-shirt sizes, at the banquet everyone gets a free SGA t-shirt and we want to be sure that we have enough for everyone. If someone can just make sure I get both of those back after the meeting that would be great.
25. I also have unit opportunities for everyone. We need a design for the SGA t-shirt, and everyone who sends me a design idea for the t-shirt before Friday, April 1 will receive a unit.
26. I need to see the Blue Key Committee immediately after the meeting on the couches in front of the calendar?

1. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: *Ryan Losco*

Rules and Regulations Committee: Ryan Losco

1. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
2. Commuter Council: **No Report**
3. Senior Class: Ryan Losco
4. The Senior Class is happy to announce that Senior Fest packets are on sale. They are only $100.00 this year for both commuter and resident students. The program features a Casino Bus trip in day 1 and a Wine and Designs your Cap on day 2. All meals are included and all students receive a goodie bag. We hope to see you there.
5. Junior Class: **Andrew Morin**
6. The Class of 2017 will be hosting Brown Bag Bingo this Thursday, March 24 at 10:00pm in Scanlon Banquet Hall. Thank you to CAB for sponsoring this event. Everyone in attendance will be given one bingo card, and anyone that donates $1.00 at the door to Make-A-Wish will receive an extra Bingo card.
7. On Wednesday, April 6 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, we will also be holding a tie dye fundraiser. Five dollars gets you an official Mr. Westfield t-shirt and full reign over our tie dye stations. If you wear this official tie dyed shirt to the show on April 23, you will be granted free admission to the show.
8. You may also bring your own t-shirt to tie dye, but only official Mr. Westfield shirts will grant you free admission.
9. Both of these events will be hosted by our very hard working contestants who have been working effortlessly to pull off this show and Wish, by attending these events, and by coming to the show and rooting on your favorite competitor.
10. Our next meeting will be tomorrow, Wednesday, March 23 at 5:30 pm in Ely E003.
11. Sophomore Class**: Maddie Creamer**
12. The Class of 2018 is still selling t-shirts until April 1, so please encourage your friends to buy them.
13. Also, we will be sitting at table in the DC for the next few weeks for more information on the Buzz Off so please stop by and tell your friends to stop by to learn more about the Buzz Off and how to sign up to buzz.
14. We will be having a table at the Health Fair on Thursday, March 24, so stop by.
15. Our next scheduled meeting is on Monday, March 28 at 7:00pm in the SGA Club Room E021.
16. First Year Class: **No Report**
17. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
18. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
19. Davis Hall: **No Report**
20. Dickinson Hall**: No Report**
21. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
22. Lansdowne Hall**: No Report**
23. New Hall**: No Report**
24. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
25. University Hall**: No Report**
26. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**

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1. NEW BUSINESS:
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
3. **Brendan McKee**: Cotillion tickets are on sale until tomorrow, March 23 at 4:00pm, so if you haven’t purchased yours yet, please get on that.
4. **Jacob Lotter**: I need my signup sheets, even if they didn’t get all the way around, and can I see Blue Key Committee over by the couches after the meeting?
5. **Justin Connolly**: If you’re interested in going to State House Day, find me after the meeting?
6. **Haley Batchelder**: I have posters to hang up, and CAB meets tomorrow, March 23.
7. **Cam Swan**: Anyone with a connection to a performance based group that may be willing to help fundraise for the Kevin Friedland Memorial Frisbee Tournament, please let me know.
8. **Andrew Morin**: As Part of my Community Health class, I’m collecting new hats, underwear, socks, and gloves for the Samaritan Inn, there’s a donation box in SGA to please donate.
9. **Marissa Cremin**: this is the last week of the formalwear drive, so tell your friends to donate dresses, we’re collecting in Barb Hands office.
10. **Ryan Losco**: This Thursday from 5:00pm to 6:30pm, in New Hall 141B, the Dean of Western New England Law School will be on campus to talk to students about Law School. You don’t necessarily need to be interested in Western New England, but it’s just a great communication session and a wonderful opportunity to network, so you should definitely check it out.
11. **Matt Carlin**: Rules and Regs after the meeting.
12. **Abby Salvietti**: Dickinson Hall is throwing a part from 9:00 pm to 2:00am, please come by. It should be a good time.
13. **Michael Janchuk**: 60 days until commencement.
14. ROLL CALL: Patricia Aguilar was absent. Morgan Suddeth, Connor Glynn, Jon Kelland, Dana Kilby, Rhynell Christopher were excused.
15. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.